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BY E-FILE

The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet
 United States District Court
 U.S. Courthouse
 844 North King Street
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Re: Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc. v. Baxter International Inc. and Baxter Healthcare Corporation, D. Del., C.A. No. 05-349-GMS

Dear Judge Sleet:

I write on behalf of Baxter Healthcare Corporation and Baxter International Inc. (collectively, "Baxter") in response to Plaintiffs' most recent attempt to exclude the trial testimony of Lawrence Guiheen, the President of the BioPharmaceuticals unit of Baxter BioScience (D.I. 355). Professionalism and simple common sense should not be abandoned merely because we are days from trial. Mr. Bove's conduct in staging a deposition for which he was on notice could not proceed today and his subsequent letter demonstrate that he has lost sight of those bedrock principles.¹

In his zeal to exclude Mr. Guiheen from testifying, Mr. Bove incorrectly contends that Baxter has "elected to evade the duly noticed deposition of Mr. Guiheen." On June 22 by email and as set forth in letters of June 25 and June 26 from Jim Gilliland to Talecris counsel, Talecris was put on notice that Mr. Guiheen is in Europe and unable to appear for a deposition today (letters attached as Exs. A and B, respectively). Baxter further alerted Mr. Bove that Mr. Guiheen's first business day back in this country is Monday, July 2. To accommodate Talecris' counsel and Mr. Guiheen (who lives in California), Baxter offered a number of alternative dates

¹ It is unfortunate that Talecris continues to belabor the subject of Mr. Guiheen testifying at trial. As the court noted at the pretrial conference, Mr. Guiheen's testimony is "pretty straightforward stuff and not controversial." Indeed, in granting Talecris leave to take the deposition, Your Honor even noted that, "[h]opefully [the deposition] won't be necessary. It seems to me you have plenty else to do." Ex. C, Pretrial Conference Tr. at 102:20-103:6.

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and locations for his deposition. Specifically, Baxter proposed that Talecris conduct his deposition in Los Angeles on either July 2, July 5 or July 6. Baxter's suggestion of a deposition in California is not "manifestly unreasonable" as Mr. Bove contends. Indeed, Baxter's suggestion is based, in part, on the fact that Talecris' counsel will already be in California for the trial deposition of James Giblin, the individual who Talecris claims cannot attend any day of trial and whose deposition they assert must be conducted on Saturday, June 30.

Baxter's proposal to conduct Mr. Guiheen's deposition the very next business day, Monday, July 2, is not only reasonable, it is a convenient date and location for all concerned, including counsel. Simply stated, Talecris' refusal even to consider accommodating Mr. Guiheen and Baxter's counsel is hypocritical to say the least when compared to its "take it or leave it" position with respect to scheduling Mr. Giblin's trial deposition for Saturday, June 30. Finally, as previously indicated, Mr. Guiheen is also available for deposition date in Wilmington on Sunday, July 8, Monday, July 9 or Tuesday, July 10. Talecris rejected all of Baxter's proposals, preferring instead to stage a deposition for a date (today) on which it knew Mr. Guiheen was out of the country.

Even putting aside Talecris' inequitable approach to deposition scheduling, this Court should reject Talecris' transparent attempts to preclude Baxter from calling Mr. Guiheen at trial. Baxter has offered numerous dates and locations for Mr. Guiheen's deposition. Baxter respectfully requests that, if Talecris truly wishes to take Mr. Guiheen's pre-trial deposition, it promptly contact Baxter so that the parties can agree on a suitable date and time for the deposition to proceed.

Respectfully,



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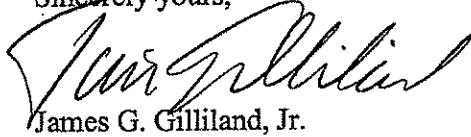
Re: Talecris Biotherapeutics v. Baxter Healthcare

Dear Jaclyn:

As promised, I spoke today with Mr. Lawrence Guiheen about his availability for deposition. I told him the deposition likely would be 2-3 hours.

Mr. Guiheen will be in Europe this week and California next. He could sit for deposition in Los Angeles on July 2 in the afternoon or evening, July 5 in the afternoon or evening, or July 6, morning or afternoon. In addition, Mr. Guiheen will be Baxter's corporate representative at trial. Consequently, he could sit for deposition in Wilmington on Monday night, July 9, or Tuesday night, July 10. Depending upon the length of plaintiffs' case-in-chief, my guess is that Mr. Guiheen will testify the morning of Thursday, July 12, 2007.

Sincerely yours,



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Our Reference No. 018652-004000

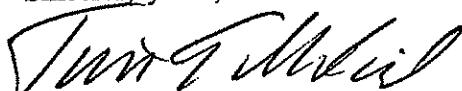
Dear Jeff:

Your letter to me, and my letter to Jaclyn Mason, regarding the deposition of Lawrence Guiheen crossed over the Internet yesterday afternoon. As you will have learned from my letter, Mr. Guiheen cannot be in Wilmington tomorrow for a deposition, as he is in Europe. I propose the deposition of Mr. Guiheen occur on July 2, since:

1. You or someone from your firm will be in California this weekend since Baxter has accommodated Talecris' requested and agreed to proceed with the deposition of James Giblin on Saturday, June 30.
2. Connolly Bove has an office in Los Angeles; and
3. Mr. Guiheen's first business day after his return from Europe is Monday, July 2.

I will try to arrange the deposition to occur as early as possible on July 2 so you, or whoever is taking the deposition, can get back to Delaware on July 2.

Sincerely yours,



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EXHIBIT C

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 2 IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE
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 4 TALECRIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, : Civil Action
 INC., :
 5 Plaintiff, :
 6 v. :
 7 BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. :
 and BAXTER HEALTHCARE :
 CORPORATION, :
 8 Defendants. : No. 05-349-GMS
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 10 BAXTER HEALTHCARE :
 CORPORATION, :
 11 Counterclaimant, :
 12 v. :
 13 TALECRIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, :
 INC. and BAYER HEALTHCARE :
 LLC, :
 14 Counterdefendants. :
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 19 Wilmington, Delaware
 Thursday, June 14, 2007
 20 9:30 a.m.
 Pretrial Conference
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 22 BEFORE: HONORABLE GREGORY M. SLEET, U.S.D.C.J.
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 09:33:13 1 THE COURT: Good morning. Please take your
 09:33:16 2 seats. This is an office conference. We will dispense with
 09:33:19 3 the formalities of Court, unless counsel prefer to stand up
 09:33:22 4 and speak on your feet. Some do, and that is fine. But
 09:33:25 5 feel free to sit at counsel table as we discuss the issues
 09:33:28 6 that we need to talk about today.
 09:33:30 7 Why don't we start with a round of
 09:33:33 8 reintroductions, beginning with plaintiff's table.
 09:33:36 9 MR. BOVE: Good morning, Your Honor. Jeff Bove
 09:33:38 10 for Talecris and Bayer. And I have my co-lead counsel and
 09:33:41 11 partner, Mary Bourke, my associate, Jaclyn Mason, my
 09:33:44 12 associate, Dana Hammond, and also counsel for Bayer, Jim
 09:33:48 13 Badke from Ropes & Gray.
 09:33:49 14 THE COURT: Good morning.
 09:33:50 15 (Counsel respond "Good morning.")
 09:33:53 16 THE COURT: Mr. Rovner.
 09:33:53 17 MR. ROVNER: Good morning, Your Honor. With me
 09:33:55 18 from my left is Susan Spaeth, Megan Chung, Jim Gilliland,
 09:34:01 19 Anne Rogaski, all from Townsend and Townsend and Crew. And
 09:34:05 20 behind me is Jane Choi from Baxter.
 09:34:07 21 THE COURT: It is good to see, we are seeing
 09:34:08 22 more and more in-house counsel come, and I think that is a
 09:34:12 23 good thing, having served as in-house counsel at one point.
 09:34:14 24 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, I also wish to introduce,
 09:34:17 25 so as not to forget, Chris Jeffers and Mark Freeman, also

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 09:34:22 1 associates at my firm.
 09:34:23 2 THE COURT: Good morning.
 09:34:24 3 It just happened, I don't know if you have seen
 09:34:26 4 it yet, the ruling on the disqualification. There is a
 09:34:33 5 summary judgment issue outstanding.
 09:34:34 6 I am going to reject the notion that the claim
 09:34:39 7 is indefinite. There will be an opinion issued forthwith.
 09:34:47 8 Let me just tell you how we are going to
 09:34:50 9 proceeded today. We are going to first address motions in
 09:34:54 10 limine. We will have, hopefully, reasonably limited
 09:34:58 11 discussion about these motions. Two of them, I think 3 and
 09:35:05 12 4, Plaintiff's 3 and 4, which may encompass another motion,
 09:35:31 13 I am going to deal with rather summarily. I will read a
 09:35:33 14 ruling into the record. So I am not going to entertain
 09:35:36 15 argument on those motions.
 09:35:39 16 We will, not necessarily in this order, talk
 09:35:44 17 about other things after the motions in limine, like voir
 09:35:53 18 dire. We will address in some detail preliminary
 09:35:57 19 instructions today. Time permitting, I want to discuss with
 09:36:01 20 you the final jury instructions as well, to the extent that
 09:36:04 21 we can. I don't know if there is a more recent iteration
 09:36:08 22 that has been developed post the PTO submission. I have at
 09:36:15 23 least in summary fashion read through your proposed final
 09:36:22 24 jury instructions, and do have some thoughts about that.
 09:36:24 25 Yes, Mr. Bove.

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11:48:57 1	fact witnesses only.	11:51:44 1	indicated, if you want to take a deposition, Mr. Bove, take
11:48:58 2	THE COURT: That is fine.	11:51:47 2	a deposition. You have the permission of the Court to do
11:49:01 3	Why don't you pull out your joint proposed final	11:51:50 3	that.
4	jury instructions. I think, unless there are any other	11:51:51 4	MR. BOVE: Thank you, Your Honor.
11:49:07 5	issues, I am prepared to try to quickly at least go through	11:51:52 5	THE COURT: Hopefully, it won't be necessary.
11:49:10 6	the tabs.	11:51:53 6	It seems to me you have plenty else to do.
11:49:13 7	MS. MASON: That is fine, Your Honor. We again	11:51:57 7	The last subject, and certainly not the least,
11:49:15 8	have spoken with Baxter. We have agreed to have a further	11:52:01 8	that I want to address is to be brought up to date on what
11:49:18 9	meet-and-confer on these.	11:52:05 9	if any additional efforts are being made to settle this
11:49:19 10	THE COURT: With that said, would counsel prefer	11:52:08 10	matter.
11:49:22 11	to have another crack?	11:52:09 11	MR. BOVE: Your Honor, if I may address that.
11:49:23 12	MS. MASON: I believe, Your Honor. I think it	11:52:11 12	As the Court may or may not be aware, we did
11:49:26 13	would be a much more efficient use of Your Honor's time.	11:52:14 13	spend a day with Magistrate Judge Thynge.
11:49:28 14	THE COURT: Agreed.	11:52:16 14	THE COURT: I am aware of that.
11:49:28 15	MR. GILLILAND: Yes.	11:52:17 15	MR. BOVE: And put an effort into this.
11:49:30 16	THE COURT: That's fine.	11:52:22 16	Magistrate Judge Thynge did contact us by e-mail. I presume
11:49:33 17	MR. BOVE: Your Honor, one other unrelated	11:52:28 17	she did as well to Baxter.
11:49:35 18	point. There were two witnesses identified late in the	11:52:30 18	THE COURT: I am sure she did.
11:49:40 19	game. One was for Talecris Mr. Larry Stern, the other for	11:52:32 19	MR. BOVE: But I don't know that. And I have
11:49:45 20	Baxter Mr. Larry Goheen (phonetic). Since they were late in	11:52:33 20	subsequently conferred at length with Magistrate Judge
11:49:52 21	the game, and frankly were not on any initial disclosures,	11:52:37 21	Thynge. She then was provided information that she
11:49:56 22	or even identified during fact discovery, I had proposed to	11:52:42 22	requested from us, and indicated that she would basically
11:50:01 23	Baxter in our meet-and-confer on Tuesday evening that we	11:52:46 23	get back to me with any further response to that
11:50:04 24	simply obviate the issue, that we were prepared to withdraw	11:52:52 24	information. That's where it was left. I believe this was
67 25	Mr. Stern if they were prepared to withdraw Mr. Goheen,	11:52:56 25	about two weeks ago, give or take. That's where we stand.
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11:50:11 1	because we don't know what either will be saying. And	11:53:01 1	THE COURT: Baxter's perspective?
11:50:14 2	Baxter was equivocal on this point.	11:53:02 2	MR. GILLILAND: Baxter did receive the e-mail
11:50:17 3	I wanted to raise it now while we were all here,	11:53:04 3	from Magistrate Thynge, asking us for further questions,
11:50:20 4	because if Baxter is unwilling to withdraw Mr. Goheen, I	11:53:08 4	issues, ideas about settlement. We have responded. We have
11:50:24 5	would like to take his deposition, a short deposition.	11:53:12 5	not yet heard back from the Court.
11:50:29 6	THE COURT: Ms. Rogaski.	11:53:14 6	THE COURT: Are there any efforts independent of
11:50:30 7	MS. ROGASKI: Your Honor, neither party raised	11:53:16 7	the Magistrate Judge currently under way, perhaps by
11:50:32 8	an objection to either of those witnesses being included on	11:53:22 8	principals or others?
11:50:36 9	the witness list. This objection was just raised this week.	11:53:24 9	It was interesting, a couple of weeks ago, I had
11:50:43 10	We offered to exchange one-paragraph summaries about the	11:53:31 10	Dyson versus Hoover-Maytag-Whirlpool, that matter here. On
11:50:48 11	expected subject matter of the witness' testimony. Neither	11:53:39 11	the morning of trial, unbeknownst to trial counsel, one of
11:50:50 12	of these witnesses, I don't think, or at least Larry Goheen	11:53:46 12	the parties -- this was the Lucent matter. This was not
11:50:55 13	is not going to be a technical witness diving into the deep	11:53:52 13	Dyson. This was Lucent, Telcordia. And Lucent settled out.
11:51:00 14	issues in this case.	11:54:08 14	Mr. Powers was left holding the bag. He lost. That is a
11:51:02 15	He will be introducing Baxter and providing some	11:54:16 15	whole other story. He is coming back soon. He is going to
11:51:06 16	information about Baxter. We are more than happy to provide	11:54:21 16	get me for that. Great lawyer, though.
11:51:12 17	a one-paragraph summary to plaintiffs. If Your Honor	11:54:26 17	So I just inquire for that reason, as to whether
11:51:15 18	believes that a deposition is required, of course, we will	11:54:31 18	you know of any other efforts.
11:51:18 19	comply with that. We think it's pretty --	11:54:32 19	MR. GILLILAND: Your Honor, to the best of my
11:51:20 20	THE COURT: Why don't I leave -- it's sounding	11:54:34 20	knowledge, the principals have not spoken with each other
21	to me like what you are going to say is it's pretty	11:54:36 21	recently. I think that the guidance that both sides were
11:51:25 22	straightforward stuff and not controversial. Perhaps, with	11:54:40 22	expecting to receive from the Magistrate Judge is whether
11:51:30 23	the provision of the summary, you can make an assessment. I	11:54:44 23	the parties are within shouting distance of one another that
11:51:36 24	will grant leave, should counsel agree, without further	11:54:47 24	would make it worthwhile to talk further.
11:51:39 25	application to the Court, that if you feel, Ms. Rogaski has	11:54:49 25	THE COURT: It's a point of information for us.